

TO:

Mayor and Council Members

Toby Hammett Futrell, City Manager

FROM:

Juan Garza, General Manager

Austin Energy

DATE:

December 6, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to Council from the Electric Utility Commission

At their meeting on November 26, 2007, the Electric Utility Commission reviewed Austin Energy's RCA proposing to amend our electric rate tariffs to add a Batch-5 Green Power Charge to the GreenChoice® Energy Rider. Although they voted unanimously to approve the tariff change, the Commission has concerns about using GreenChoice® for City facilities. They believe the utility is better served by offering the limited GreenChoice® Batch-5 to external customers before offering it to City facilities. The Commission asked me to communicate to you their approval with the condition that the City be the customer of last resort for the Batch-5 Green Power Charge. I have attached a copy of the EUC's action note for the RCA, which should be Item #119 on your agenda for the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 322-6002.

Juah Garza

General Manager

Austin Energy



## **Electric Utility Commission**

November 26, 2007 Meeting

Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending Exhibit A of Ordinance No. 20070910-008, the Electric Rate Schedule GreenChoice<sup>®</sup> Energy Rider, to add a Batch-5 Green Power Charge for renewable energy sources.

Motion by: Schmandt

That the Commission approve the proposed change to the tariff with the recommendation that this and all future GreenChoice<sup>®</sup> be offered to other customers first, with the City of Austin being the customer of last resort.

Seconded by: Smaha

Ayes: Fath, Ruiz, Sessa, Schmandt, Shaw, Smaha, and Weston

Nays: NONE

Abstaining: NONE

Off the dais: Knaupe

Absent: Alvarez

The Commission approved this item, 7-0.